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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S TRIP

1. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT, WE HAVE COME UP WITH THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS FOR HIS MEETINGS WITH RELIGIOUS AND OTHER OPINION LEADERS, INCLUDING POLITICAL OPPOSITION. THESE MEETINGS WOULD BE ON AFTERNOON OF MAY 3 BETWEEN 2:00 AND 3:15 IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

2. MEETING WITH CARDINAL SIN, PREFERABLY AS PART OF A LARGER GROUP SUCH AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 3, IS TOP PRIORITY. IF THE CARDINAL IS WILLING, MEETING WOULD BE AT THE VICE PRESIDENT'S HOTEL. PHOTOS WOULD BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING
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AND IT WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT WISH TO PLAY IT UP. A MEETING AT THE CARDINAL'S OFFICE IS NOT EXCLUDED BUT AT THIS POINT IT SHOULD NOT BE MENTIONED TO ANYONE.

3. THE VICE PRESIDENT ALSO WISHES A LARGER HUMAN RIGHTS

RELATED MEETING OF SIX OR SEVEN FILIPINOS, INCLUDING RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND OPPOSITION FIGURES (ANNOUNCED AS MEETING WITH RELIGIOUS AND OTHER OPINION LEADERS.) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ORDER OF RELIGIOUS SUPERIORS SHOULD BE INCLUDED, TOGETHER WITH CARDINAL SIN IF HE IS WILLING TO COMBINE HIS MEETING WITH THE OTHERS. IF NOT, ONE OR TWO OTHER RELIGIOUS FIGURES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE BROADER MEETING. MOST SUITABLE POLITICAL FIGURES MIGHT BE FORMER PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL AND EX-SENATORS ROXAS AND SALONGA. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO SUGGEST ALTERNATES AND/OR ONE OR TWO ADDITIONAL NAMES, INCLUDING PERHAPS SOMEONE FROM ORGANIZED LABOR. GIVEN YOUR PREVIOUS EXCHANGES WITH ROMULO AND MARCOS IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF THE MEETING WHICH INCLUDES POLITICAL FIGURES WERE AT THE FORMAL REQUEST OF THE LATTER RATHER THAN AT EMBASSY INITIATIVE. FACT OF MEETING WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE BUT NOT NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS, AND THERE WOULD BE NO PHOTOS UNLESS CARDINAL SIN WERE PRESENT.

4. THE VICE PRESIDENT IS ALSO INTERESTED IN A SEPARATE, PRIVATE MEETING WITH FATHER REUTER, ALONE AT THE HOTEL RATHER THAN AS PART OF LARGER GROUP OF AMERICANS OR FILIPINOS. THERE WOULD BE NO PHOTOS OF THIS MEETING AND IT WOULD NOT BE ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE, ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY IT CANNOT BE KEPT ENTIRELY SECRET AND WOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED IF QUESTIONS PUT TO VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY.
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5. IN THE ABOVE CONTEXT, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO APPROACH FATHER REUTER AND CARDINAL SIN CONFIDENTIALLY ON THE POSSIBILITY OF THEIR MEETING THE VICE PRESIDENT. PLEASE ENSURE THAT THEY RESPECT OUR CONFIDENCE AND DO NOT TALK TO OTHERS AT THIS TIME. AT THE SAME TIME, YOU SHOULD PROVIDE YOUR SUGGESTIONS ASAP ON NAMES FOR LARGER MEETING.

6. ONCE THE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN PINNED DOWN, WE WILL INSTRUCT YOU ON NOTIFYING THE GOP.
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